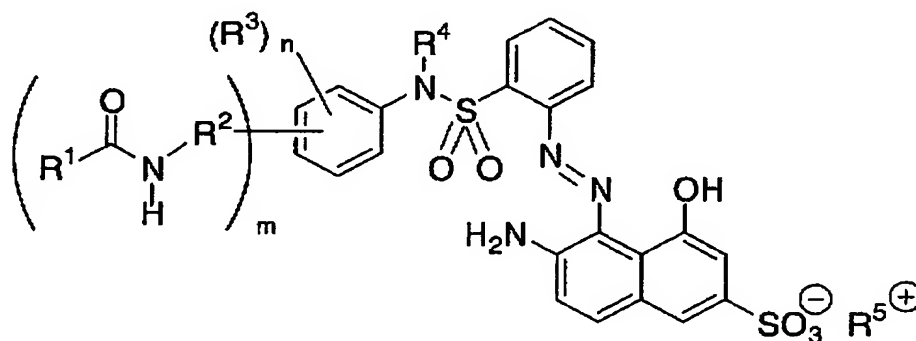


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides an azo compound represented by the following general formula (I) and a colorant-containing curable composition containing a binder and an azo compound represented by the following general formula (I):

General formula (I)



wherein R¹ represents a C₁₋₂₁ alkyl, a C₁₋₁₀ perfluoroalkyl, a C₂₋₂₁ alkenyl, a C₁₋₂₁ aryl, a C₁₋₂₁ aralkyl, a C₁₋₂₁ alkylamino, a C₁₋₂₁ aralkylamino, a C₁₋₂₁ arylamino, methacryloylamino, or ethoxycarbonylamino; R² represents a single bond, -CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂CH₂- or -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-; R³ represents H, a C₁₋₂₁ alkyl, a halogen, OH, or a C₁₋₂₁ alkoxy; R⁴ represents a C₁₋₂₁ alkyl, a C₂₋₂₁ alkenyl, a C₁₋₂₁ aryl, a C₁₋₂₁ aralkyl or additionally H in the case of the colorant-containing curable composition; R⁵ represents H, a metal cation, or a cation of a nitrogen-containing compound; m = 1 or 2 (additionally 0 in case of the

colorant containing curable composition); and $n = 0$ to 4.